

HOUSE RESOLUTION 186

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Pastor Gregory M. Askew, Sr., chaplain of the day for February 5, 2018.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious leaders who have an undeniable impact on congregations and communities throughout this State, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, one such man of faith is Gregory M. Askew, Sr., pastor of Jubilee Church of God in Christ in the Raleigh-Bartlett area of Memphis—an ambassador of the word of God for more than thirty-seven years and a spiritual leader of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, born in 1962, Pastor Askew is the youngest of the late Reverend George P. Askew, Sr., and Katie Askew's four children; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Northside High School in 1980, Pastor Gregory Askew attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Memphis in 1995; he earned a master's degree in counseling from his alma mater in 2000; and

WHEREAS, during the internship he completed during his graduate studies, Pastor Askew received extensive training in the specialized areas of marital and family systems, death and dying, and domestic violence from the renowned Memphis Healing Center; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gregory Askew's spiritual life unfolded in tandem with his pursuits in higher education; at the age of nineteen he received his call to preach the gospel, and in 1981, he became a member of Temple of Deliverance under the leadership of Apostle G.E. Patterson; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, he was appointed by the late Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson to the position of assistant pastor of Temple of Deliverance; then, in 2001, Bishop J.L. Maynard, the Jurisdictional Prelate of Tennessee Fourth, appointed Pastor Askew to serve as pastor of Jubilee Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, the Jubilee Church of God in Christ has served as a beacon of hope to the Raleigh-Bartlett community of Memphis; during the challenging economic times of 2010 through 2013, the church, under Pastor Askew's leadership, sponsored a program that provided food to the hungry, and thousands of Memphians and people from surrounding cities benefited from the free food given daily; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gregory Askew has also led the church to become a positive force throughout the world, reaching untold individuals around the globe via Livestream broadcast; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the work he does with his congregation, Pastor Askew takes an active role in the Church of God in Christ at the state and national levels; he has served as the Young People Willing Workers president as well as chairman of the Tennessee Fourth Jurisdictional Auxiliaries in Ministry, and from 2000 through 2005, he was the assistant general secretary of Information Technologies under the auspices of the late Elder A.Z. Hall, Jr. He has also served as a national adjutant in the church; and

WHEREAS, currently, Pastor Gregory Askew serves as an administrative assistant of Tennessee Fourth Jurisdiction to Bishop J.L. Maynard, Sr., and as superintendent of the U.E. Miller Memorial District; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Askew has been blessed with the love and support of his wife, Evangelist Sandra Spratt Askew; he is the proud father of five children and the doting grandfather of seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, individuals such as Pastor Askew are integral to the spiritual well-being of the citizens of this State, nation, and world, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and honor Pastor Gregory M. Askew, Sr., chaplain of the day for February 5, 2018, extending our sincere gratitude for his selfless ministry and wishing him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.